

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Village of Kensington, 2 Nassau Drive, Great Neck, NY
January 13, 2021 via Zoom

Present: Mayor Susan Lopatkin

Trustees: Deputy Mayor Kaplan, Alina Kaplan, Jeffrey Greener, Phil Bornstein

ARB Co-Chair: Andrea Dennett

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the December board minutes, seconded by Trustee Bornstein, all in favor.

Architectural Review Board projects before the board

33 Arleigh – Amendment to Pool Structure

An equipment room needs to be added, instead of adding another structure they would like to dig seven (7) feet under the building and create a vault for the pump, heater, etc. A staircase on the west side of the building will be added to access the pump room. Plantings will be put around to screen the area. The ARB had no issues, nor were there any issues from any residents. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Trustee Greener, all in favor.

10 North – New Construction - Homeowner Suk Yee – New Construction – Architect Danny Dargah- Landscape Architect Rich Ignatow

Architect Dargah spoke about the new construction home to be built. He stated that they have made some changes to the original plan. The floor railing above the front door will be changed from a cast stone material to a black wrought iron railing which will mimic the wrought iron front door.

The original Lorraine white brick (which the ARB board disliked) will now be a four (4) inch oversized brick veneer made by Glen Gery and the color is Avignon. This is the same brick that was used at 18.5 Arleigh.

ARB Co-Chair Dennett stated that all board members are in agreement with the massing model and materials. Some surrounding residents were at the ARB meetings and made their issues known and their input was taken into consideration.

Landscape Architect Rich Ignatow stated the plans are similar to what was submitted earlier with a few new additions based on comments by the ARB board. There were a few more arborvitaes added, changed a few of the boxwoods for more color, (2) Crape Myrtle trees were added on the side of the house which flower in August. The Architects were advised that the village trees need to be fenced in (the same as 41 Beverly subdivision has done) to safeguard the trees from undo harm.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Hendler, all in favor. The Mayor further instructed the applicant that the plans must be followed exactly as approved, that they have 18 months for the initial permit, and the architect will need to sign off at certain points during the course of the project to attest that it is built as approved. The applicant acknowledged these caveats.

Mayor Lopatkin made a resolution appointing the Village Clerk, Melissa McComb, the receiver of taxes, seconded by Trustee Greener, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to open the public hearing for the Budget, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kaplan, all in favor. The overall budget is basically the same as when we introduced it at the December Board of Trustees meeting, we are \$13K lower than the tax cap. Mayor Lopatkin made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 budget, all in favor.

Mayor Lopatkin spoke with the board regarding Vigilant Fire and Ambulance. To review the situation, the Mayor reminded the board that, Vigilant never gave us their budget increase numbers for last year until after we approved our budget. The Mayor and the board did not sign the Vigilant contract and only paid an increase of 1% throughout the year because that is what we budgeted based on prior years. In actuality, Vigilant had raised us 6%. Mayor Lopatkin approached the board to speak about the 13K still owed to Vigilant and if we wanted or could pay them. The board made a decision to pay the owed \$13K but advised the Village Clerk to draft a letter stating that going forward if the budget increase was not given to us before we had to approve our budget, then we would be budgeting on our current year amount.

On motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Trustee Hendler accept the Police and Treasurers reports.

On the motion of Mayor Lopatkin, seconded by Trustee Greener the meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.